



Ysgol Comins Coch

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Dear Parents,

This should be the last letter from school this year! I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for supporting our Christmas concerts. They were a huge success and we were very proud of our pupils. I am sure that you will agree that staff had put a lot of time and effort into preparing pupils for the concerts and we are very grateful to every one of them. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to members of the PTA who provided refreshments during the concert evenings. Diolch yn fawr!

A few final reminders:-

- **Christmas Jumper day on Friday 22nd December – Donations to Save the Children**
- School closes Friday 22nd at **3.30pm**
- School will open for Spring Term 2018 on **Monday 8th of January**
- A further reminder that in the event of bad weather forcing a school closure, all information will be posted on Twitter @ysgolcominscoch, on the school website <http://www.cominscoch.ceredigion.sch.uk/>, Ceredigion County Council Website and on Radio Ceredigion 103.3.

Good News!

Yesterday we finally had confirmation that plans for our much needed extension have been approved and funded. Ysgol Comins Coch is fortunate to have been allocated funding through the *21st Century Schools programme* and will be the first school in Ceredigion to receive this funding for a refurbishment. This a joint investment between Ceredigion County Council and Welsh Government. The work will begin in January and will include a new classroom, staffroom, additional toilets, adequate facilities for the disabled, additional outdoor learning areas and an extension to the current hall.

Whilst we are all extremely pleased with this news, we do realise that it will cause short term disruption to the daily organisation of the school. As always, the health and safety of our pupils is paramount and we will be putting additional measures in place to ensure that this is not compromised.

It will be necessary for one class (Mrs. Ruth Morgan's class) to be taught in the hall (the current class until July and the new class from September until the work completes), but this is no different to what happens already in many schools on a permanent basis-. We assure parents that disruption to this class will be kept to a minimum.

As there will be no access to the back of the school whilst the building takes place, all pupils will be picked up from the main front door. **In order to avoid congestion at home time, pupils in Dosbarth Derbyn will finish school at 3:15pm, pupils in Years 1 & 2 will finish school at 3.20pm. These times do meet statutory requirements for Foundation Phase pupils. Pupils from Years 3 – 6 will finish at 3:30pm as is usual.** These new procedures will start on the first day back in January to avoid any confusion when building work starts.

We would like to invite parents to a drop – in open evening with representatives from the Local authority and Chair of Governors on Tuesday, 9th January between 4.30 and 6.30pm in the school

hall. The plans for the extension will be available to view, and there will be an opportunity for any queries you may have to be answered.

Thank you all so much for your continued support and I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year!

Yours sincerely

Beth Davies